

Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2008

Paul Branson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.
Attending: Ken Altenburger, Steve Belkin, Joe Bischofberger, Eleanor Bloch, Myrtle Braxton, Richard Burnett, David Grant, Eugene Halliday, Rich Hedges, Julio Lacayo, Joshua Miele, Dennis Trenten, Doug Weir, Craig Yates, Shirlee Zane. Members reported as unavailable: Janet Abelson, Marshall Loring, Barbara Rhodes. Also in attendance: Commissioner Giacomini.

Audience Member Self-introductions

- Anne Warren, energy planning consultant, EA Warren & Assoc., San Francisco
- Sabine Whipple, Marin Co. Health & Human Services

EDAC Minutes

Mr. Miele asked that the minutes from March 6, 2008 be corrected to show his request for a meeting about the accessibility of 511 services. Mr. Hedges moved to approve the minutes as corrected, which was seconded by Ms. Bloch, and approved. Mr. Trenten abstained.

Roundtable Updates

Chair Branson invited members' informative announcements of activities and events in their locales. Many announcements were made, none exceeding the allotted time — one minute.

Advisory Council Report

Mr. Grant reported on the council's March 12 meeting.

EDAC Subcommittee Reports

Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee Chair Burnett's report concluded the real need to 'nail down' preparedness for the special needs population.

Senior Driver Issues/Alternatives Subcommittee Chair Lacayo reported on an advertising campaign to make use of government agencies to help reach senior drivers, and said how useful Anne Warren's expertise from San Francisco was at the subcommittee's meeting.

Chair Branson said Mr. Yates had volunteered to chair the Accessible Taxis Subcommittee formerly chaired by Mr. Oka.

Chair's Report

Chair Branson encouraged continued momentum at the T2035 joint advisor workshops, reminding about the opportunity for members to affect MTC's upcoming long-range plan. Regarding MTC's Awards Program, May 9th is the deadline to submit applications for people's worthy transportation endeavors in the region.

Staff Report

Ms. Vogler announced an upcoming telephone poll, two additional T2035 workshops (May 14th and June 5th), reaffirmed that EDAC comments are useful to MTC management, and said that for legislative updates in Rebecca Long's absence, she would ask Ellen Griffin to attend next month.

Proposed FY 2007-09 Rev. New Freedom Programming Guidelines

Christina Atienza reviewed minimum requirements, proposed guidelines, programming priorities, evaluation criteria for projects in large urbanized areas (plus point values to reflect each criterion's importance). She summarized Caltrans' evaluation criteria for projects in small urbanized and rural areas. She sought feedback on the criteria to be sure that all reasonable considerations were captured.

Reactions to New Freedom:

- Commissioner Giacomini asked if staff is aware of a program called "Project Action" for information on funds available from agencies such as the FTA to provide training for travel trainers, such as in a mobility management program. [Yes, Ms. Atienza said she knew of the program.]
- What is the definition of mobility management? [Ms. Atienza offered an approach (vs. a definition) for how to do business:

- Look at the needs of the elderly, disabled, and low-income populations, look beyond offerings of the traditional fixed-route services, view traditional services as solutions to be integrated with services provided by non-profits, paratransit, etc., and then piece the combined services together. Compare the combined services with existing gaps to develop the most cost-effective solution.]
- Can New Freedom funds help a district to develop outreach programs for younger, disabled children's transport to their local parklands? [Ms. Atienza said the factor would be children's disabilities, not their ages, and the transport disadvantages associated with the disabilities. She said the program gives priority to trips to work over trips to recreation, but does not preclude recreational trips.]
- Might EDAC and the other advisory committees have a mobility management workshop along the lines of Commissioner Giacomini's earlier suggestion? [Chair Branson and Ms. Atienza agreed such a workshop is a good idea.]
- How would projects that straddle operations and capital expenses (infrastructure-creation vs. actual operations) be handled regarding criteria applied and the FTA contribution limits? [Ms. Atienza said MTC consults with FTA Region IX if there is uncertainty but that projects are typically split into different components so the operations match can be applied to the operations portion and capital match be required for the capital portion.]

Transit-Oriented Development in Communities of Concern

ABAG's Marisa Cravens spoke about concern over TODs displacing existing residents, exploring ways to reduce loss of affordable homes and workspaces, said ABAG launched its Development Without Displacement program, and summarized opportunities for Priority Development Areas (PDAs) to apply for local grants (community-based organizations and cities will likely be expected to apply jointly for the funds).

During comments, many EDAC members mentioned the inaccuracies of the map data, especially as it related to Communities of Concern.

Ms. Cravens said she would transmit today's comments from members about map inconsistencies and portraying communities of concern more accurately, maps that are not accessible (suggested a list format instead), inaccurate depictions of mobile home park locations (a concern of the senior population), etc.

Additional member comments: (a) to be able to contact people with disabilities who would be affected by development plans, it is necessary to go beyond census data; (b) new construction needs to be accessible, especially a TOD's path to transit.

Noting this year's RailVolution conference in San Francisco, Commissioner Giacomini said that at last year's RailVolution conference she noticed a lack of sessions about accessibility and encouraged the members to respond to the Call for Presentations, if any member were so inclined. Mr. Hedges suggested the 2008 conference as an appropriate venue to present the TOD accessibility study. Commissioner Giacomini asked Ms. Vogler to transmit information on the conference to the group.

Mobility, Access and Pricing Study

SFMTA's Elizabeth Bent gave a presentation on a current study being completed in San Francisco, which focuses on mobility and pricing. She said that as much as half of the City's trips are spent in congestion, which amounted to \$2.3B (for SF) sacrificed due to delays in 1995. Mobile source emissions are also higher than the state average in San Francisco. Following member comments on congestion pricing as a way to improve mobility, Ms. Bent acknowledged its cost insensitivity. Members noted the lack of public transit venues on Doyle Dr.

Under other business, Chair Branson announced postponement of the May 31, 2008 groundbreaking date for the Ed Roberts Campus. EDAC's next meeting was scheduled for May 1, 2008. Following a fond farewell to departing member Bruce Oka, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.